

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract on page 21 of the specification with the following:

The invention is a method and system that is useful to authenticate security paper. Specifically, the present invention relates to a method and system that allows security paper to be authenticated more than once without destroying the authentication mechanism. ~~The method and system comprise the use of an~~ An authenticating solution ~~that may be~~ is applied to a surface of ~~[[a]]~~ an authentic document or other authentic security paper ~~and the use of an activating solution.~~ Subsequent application ~~Application of an~~ the activating solution to a surface of a document containing the authenticating solution causes a reversible color change allowing the document to be authenticated.